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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A dental restoration piece, comprising:
a base structure (13) ~~formed of a selected one of a single member and multiple members;~~
an over structure (12, 14, 16, 18, 20) which is securable to the base structure in a manner in which the over structure at least partially covers the base structure, ~~at least a portion of the over structure having at least one two bite surface~~ being comprised of at least [[one]] two separate hardened bite [[element]] elements; and
[[at least one]] interconnecting material (10) which [[interconnects]] secures the hardened bite elements [[with]] to the base structure.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) A dental restoration piece according to claim 1, wherein the interconnecting material is comprised of ceramic.
5. (Currently amended) A dental restoration piece according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the ~~bite surface forming~~ bite elements is comprised of a pre-prepared ceramic.
6. (Currently amended) A dental restoration piece according to claim 1, wherein [[the]] a bite element is comprised of a pre-prepared plastic element.
7. (Original) A dental restoration piece according to claim 1, wherein the base structure comprises a selected one of a metal frame, a metal ceramic frame, a ceramic frame, a plastic frame, and a plastic fiberglass frame.

8. (Currently amended) A dental restoration piece according to claim 1, wherein each bite element forms a partial bite surface and, the bite surface for each individual tooth, consists of ~~[[one,]]~~ two, three, or four individual separate bite elements which are applied onto positions corresponding to the tooth protuberance locations of the respective tooth and the dental restoration piece is specifically configured for a pre-molar or a molar.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) A method for producing a dental restoration piece, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

providing a base structure;

applying an interconnecting material onto ~~[[a]] the base structure, the base structure being adapted for being covered at least partially by an over structure which provides the bite forming surface of the dental restoration piece;~~

pressing~~[[,]]~~ onto the interconnecting material ~~which has been applied onto the base structure,~~ at least ~~[[one]]~~ two separate hardened bite ~~[[element]]~~ elements which forms at least a portion of the bite forming region of the over surface in a manner such that the ~~[[at least one]]~~ hardened bite ~~[[element is]]~~ elements are ultimately oriented for biting operation; and

subjecting the interconnecting material on the base structure to a hardening process by which the interconnecting material is hardened fully.

13. (Cancelled)